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questions on that, if I can. I think I'll quit there for now, Mr. President. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. On with discussion of LR 14CA. Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I'm on the General Affairs Committee. Most of you know that. I think that I wanted to rise to explain my reasoning for actually voting to move both of these out to the floor. I think that there was probably a little bit of a problem with that. I haven't really done a straw poll or anything, but I think people were confused by that, possibly. And I look at it this way. I mean, it's not really a parable, but I'm sort of a Notre Dame football fan, and when I remember Lou Holtz, back in the glory days, he said one time at press conference, a media member asked him, hey, your recruiting class looks great, these are some fast kids, and he said, well, the fastest kid in the world going in the wrong direction doesn't do me any good. And I think...what that tells me is this. I looked at these two bills. I wasn't thinking of Lou Holtz when I decided about this type of stuff, but I think it's a pretty good analogy. I looked at these two bills, and I really felt like the entire body had the right to take a look at these as well. Now, that could be incorrect thinking, and I'm willing to accept that, but that's the way I felt. That was my thought process. For years, when I walked around...obviously, I'm new here, and when I walked around for the last year and a half and talked to folks, this, in my area and in Omaha, is an extremely important issue. The question came up, one out of every four doors I knocked on, legalize gambling, what are you guys doing down there, or we're going to legalize it for you. Now, with that in mind, I concur not only with Senator Schimek's and Senator Janssen's bills, but Senator Bourne makes some excellent points as well. How do we get to going the right direction here? I respect Senator Erdman's views. I feel that I don't know what I'll do if something gets on the ballot. I don't gamble. But I do remember when I was in college watching Who Doctor Who (phonetic) trample toward the finish line, and guess what, I really enjoyed that, especially if there were three dollars, you know, on the nose for him to win. The point